

REMARKS

Claims 61-81 were pending in this application.

Claims 61-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Humpleman et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,288,716 ("Humpleman").

Summary of Applicants Reply

Applicants have amended claims 61, 65, 68, 72, 75, and 79 to more particularly define the invention. Applicants have also cancelled claims 64, 71, and 78 without prejudice. No new matter has been added by the amendments and the amendments are fully supported by the original specification. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, on page 34, lines 12-34 of the original specification.

Applicants' Reply to 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Applicants' amended independent claims 61, 68, and 75 are directed toward methods and systems for generating a virtual representation of one of a plurality of devices for a remote user access device using a template document. Each of the plurality of devices are associated with respective display components. A template document is selected from a plurality of template documents based on the remote user access device type. The template documents contain a layout specifying an arrangement of display components and support the plurality of devices. A display component is retrieved for the device and inserted into the template document. Finally, the virtual representation for the device is generated using the template document.

Humpleman refers to a system in which "each home device sends its own custom GUI" to the display device. (Humpleman, column 7, lines 14-15). Thus, rather than using a template document, that support a plurality of devices, to generate virtual representations containing device display components, as specified by applicants' amended independent claims, Humpleman only uses individual custom GUIs for each device.

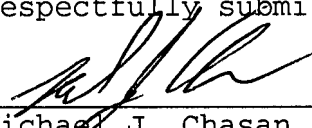
Furthermore, there is nothing in Humpleman that refers to "selecting a template document from a plurality of template documents based on the remote user access device type," which is also specified by applicants' amended independent claims.

Accordingly, Humpleman does not show all of the elements of applicants' amended independent claims. For at least this reason, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of amended independent claims 61, 68, and 75 be withdrawn. Claims 62, 63, 65-67, 69, 70, 72-74, 76, 77, and 79-81 depend from of amended independent claims 61, 68, and 75, respectively. For at least this reason, applicants' also respectfully request that the rejection of 62, 63, 65-67, 69, 70, 72-74, 76, 77, and 79-81 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that this application, including claims 61-63, 65-67, 68-70, 72-74, 75-77, and 79-81, is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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